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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/605,474	<b>Applicant(s)</b> KORTUM ET AL.	
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/6/08.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is responsive to Appeal brief filed on March 6, 2008. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made. Claims 1 – 20 are pending examination.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 – 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pearson et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,990,591 (referred to hereafter as Pearson). In view of Krumel U.S. Patent No. 7, 013, 482.

As to claim 1, Pearson teaches a material content setting adjustment system comprising:

at least one computer (see fig.1, Pearson discloses a computer connected to a network);

at least one interface mode facilitating communication between said at least one computer and a network (see fig. 1, Pearson discloses a computer connected to a network);

at least one interface mode adjustment having a plurality of operating mode positions (see col.10 lines 52 – 63 and fig. 4A and 4B, Pearson discloses a user interface displaying set policies of different modes or levels of communication); and

a controller coupled to said at least one interface mode adjustment and selectively determining passage of material content between said at least one computer and said at least one interface in response to position of said at least one interface mode adjustment wherein the at least one interface mode adjustment is dedicated for use with the controller to selectively determine passage of material content (see col.10 line 2 – col. 11 line 20, Pearson discloses a user selectable buttons which determine multiple level of communication security) .

Pearson teaches the invention as mentioned above. Pearson does not explicitly teach the physical switch having a plurality of operating mode. However in the same endeavor, Krumel teaches a method and system for firewall/data protection filtering data packet. krumel teaches employing network devices that are configured and or reconfigured with relatively simple toggles or other physical switches. It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art a the time of invention to include a physical switch as disclosed by krumel in Person's invention to remove the requirement for a user to be trained in sophisticated computer and network configuration (see krumel col. 2 line 60 - col. 3 line 20).

As to claim 2, Pearson teaches a system as in claim 1 wherein said at least one interface is an interface selected from at least one of a gateway, a hub, a high-speed communication interface, and a router (see col.6, lines 5 - 20).

As to claim 3, Pearson teaches a system as in claim 1 wherein said controller is contained at least partially within said at least one computer (see figs 4A and 4B).

As to claim 4, Pearson teaches a system as in claim 1 wherein said controller is contained at least partially within said at least one interface (see col. figs. 4A and 4B).

As to claim 5, Pearson teaches a system as in claim 1 wherein said plurality of operating mode positions correspond with a plurality of operating modes of said controller (see col.10 lines 52 - 62).

As to claim 6, Pearson teaches a system as in claim 1 wherein said controller has a plurality of operating modes that comprise modes selected from at least two of a blocking mode, a learning mode, a partially blocking mode, and a non-blocking mode (see col. 11 lines 8 - 21).

As to claim 7, Pearson teaches a system as in claim 1 wherein said at least one interface mode adjustment switch has a firewall activated position and a firewall deactivated position (see col.12 lines 26 – 43).

As to claim 8, Pearson teaches a system as in claim 1 wherein said interface is coupled to said network via a connection selected from at least one of a high-speed communication connection, a digital subscriber line connection, a communications-unity

antenna television connection, a satellite connection, a wireless connection, a broadband cable connection, analog connection, and an Internet connection (see fig. 2).

As to claim 9, krumel teaches a system as in claim 1 wherein said at least one interface mode adjustment switch is a switch selected from at least one of a toggle switch, a rotary switch, a push button switch, a rocker switch, a slide switch, and a keylock switch (see krumel col. 2 line 60 - col. 3 line 20).

As to claim 10, Pearson teaches the method of claim 1 wherein said at least on interface mode adjustment switch is hardware-based (see col.10 lines 52 – 63 and figs. 4A and 4B).

As to claim 11, Pearson teaches a system as in claim 1 wherein said at least one interface mode adjustment switch is mounted in at least one of said at least one computer, said at least one interface, and at least one housing (see col. 10 lines 52 – 63 and figs. 4A and 4B).

As to claim 12, Pearson teaches a material content setting adjustment system comprising:

at least one computer (see fig.1, Pearson discloses a computer in a connected to a network);

at least one interface facilitating communication between said at least one computer and a network (see fig.1, Pearson discloses a computer in a connected to a network)

at least one interface mode adjustment switch having a plurality of operating mode selections comprising a learning mode selection (see col. 1 lines 52 – 63 and figs 4A and 4B, person discloses a user interface that displays set policies for different modes or levels of communications ); and a controller coupled to said at least one interface mode adjustment , having a plurality of operating mode selections, and selectively determining passage of material content between said at least one computer and said at least one interface in response to said plurality of operating mode selections wherein the learning mode the controller is able to reduce the security level for tasks without requiring a user to make adjustment in the interface (see col. 10 line 52 – col. 11 line 20 , Pearson discloses user selectable buttons which determine the security level of communication in a network). Pearson does not explicitly teach the physical switch having a plurality of operating mode. However in the same endeavor, Krumel teaches a method and system for firewall/data protection filtering data packet. krumel teaches employing network devices that are configured and or reconfigured with relatively simple toggles or other physical switches. It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art a the time of invention to include a physical switch as disclosed by krumel in Person's invention to remove the requirement for a user to be trained in sophisticated computer and network configuration (see krumel col. 2 line 60 - col. 3 line 20).

As to claim 13, Pearson teaches a system as in claim 12 wherein said at least one interface mode adjustment switch is software actuated (see col. 3 lines 52 - 67).

As to claim 14, Pearson teaches a system as in claim 12 wherein said plurality of operating mode positions have an on screen representation (see figs. 4A and 4B).

As to claim 15, Pearson teaches a system as in claim 12 wherein status of said at least one interface mode adjustment switch is continuously shown on said at least one computer desktop (see figs. 4A and 4B).

Claims 16 -20 do not teach or define any new limitations above claims 1-15 and therefore are rejected for similar reasons.

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SARGON N. NANO whose telephone number is (571)272-4007. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 hour.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



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